

July 9, 2007; Agenda Item No. 9(d)

Resolution No. 07-51

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AMENDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 07-13 TO CHANGE THE GRANT RECIPIENT TO THE  
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT FOR THE  
ACQUISITION OF APNS 648-0-070-060, 648-0-200-020,  
AND 648-0-183-050, UNINCORPORATED  
VENTURA COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants for protection and restoration of land and water resources in the watershed of the Upper Los Angeles River and the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy authorized a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority at its February 26, 2007 meeting to acquire properties in the Los Angeles River watershed and Ventura County portion of Chatsworth Peak (Resolution No. 07-13); and

WHEREAS, The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has requested to be the grant recipient for the funds approved by the Conservancy from Proposition 84, Section 75050 (g) (2) of the Public Resources Code in the amount of \$225,000; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 75005(a) of the Public Resources Code, "Acquisition" means the acquisition of a fee interest or any other interest in real property including easements, leases and development rights; and

WHEREAS, Section 75003 (c) of the Public Resources Code states that the people of California find and declare it necessary and in the public interest to protect the rivers, lakes and streams of the state from pollution, loss of water quality, and destruction of fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Section 75003 (d) of the Public Resources Code states that the people of California find and declare it necessary and in the public interest to protect the beaches, bays and coastal waters of the state for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Section 75003 (e) of the Public Resources Code states that the people of California find and declare it necessary and in the public interest to revitalize our communities and

making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks and urban greening; and

WHEREAS, Section 75003.5 of the Public Resources Code states that the growth in population of the state and the impacts of climate change pose significant challenges. These challenges must be addressed through careful planning and through improvements in land use and water management that both reduce contributions to global warming and improvements include better integration of water supply, water quality, flood control and ecosystem protection, as well greater water use efficiency and conservation to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan* and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, ensure that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system, and link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

**WHEREAS, The proposed action is being taken subject to enactment of the Budget Act of 2007; and**

WHEREAS, The proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 84, Chapter 5, Section 75050 (g)(2); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 84, Chapter 7, Section 75060 (d)(1); and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan* and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendation dated July 9, 2007.
5. AMENDS Resolution No. 07-13 to change the grant recipient to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for the acquisition of APNs 648-0-070-060, 648-0-200-020, and 648-0-183-050 on the south-facing slope of Chatsworth Peak.
6. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for the acquisition of APNs 648-0-070-060, 648-0-200-020, and 648-0-183-050 on the south-facing slope of Chatsworth Peak.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007 at Calabasas, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director